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Hathaway et al.) Before the Examiner
Serial No. 10/008,781) Woo, Julian W.
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APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR)
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 18, 2006, Applicants respectfully request entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this transmittal.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this transmittal.

A request for a one-month extension of time along with the requisite fee have been enclosed with this Response. Additionally, please provide any extensions of time that may be necessary and charge any fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 23-3030, but do not include any payment of issue fees that are or may become due.

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